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Speech of President Johnson.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—At almost a mass meeting was held here yesterday to endorse President Johnson. Grover's theatre was immensely packed and the streets without, where stands for speaking were erected, equally crowded.

The meeting was called to order and a long series of resolutions were adopted expressing confidence in the President and favoring the admission of the Southern representatives. Speeches were made by Messrs. Cox, Blair, Hendricks, Green Clay Smith and others, all fully sustaining the President's veto. As the conclusion of the meeting the people proceeded en masse to the White House and presented the resolutions to the President, of whose response we have received the following:

FELLOW-CITIZENS—For I presume I have the right to address you as such—to the committee who have organized and conducted this meeting so far, I have to tender my sincere thanks for the confidence and approbation they have manifested in their personal address to myself and in the resolutions they have adopted. I am free to say to you on this occasion that it is extremely gratifying to me to know that a large portion of my fellow citizens approve and endorse the policy that has been adopted and is intended to restore to the glorious Union the States and their original relations to the Government of the United States. This seems to be a day peculiarly appropriate for such a manifestation—the day that gave birth to him who founded this Government, the Father of his country, who stood at the head of the Government when all these States entered into this Union. This day I say, is peculiarly appropriate to endorse the restoration of the Union of these States founded by the father of his country, Washington, that Washington whose name this city bears, is embodied in the hearts of all who love free government, that Washington who, in the language of his eulogist was first in peace, first in war, and first in the hearts of his countrymen. No people can claim him. No country can appropriate him. His reputation and life are the common inheritance of all who love free government. I to-day had the pleasure of attending the National Washington Monument Association which is directing its efforts to complete the monument erected to his memory, I was glad to meet them, and so far as I could, to give my humble influence. A monument is being erect d to him within a stone's throw of the spot from which I address you. Let it be completed. Let the pledge which all these State associations and corporations have placed in that monument of their faith and love for the Union be preserved. Let it be completed. And in this connection let me refer to the motto upon the stone sent from my own State, God bless her! A State which has struggled for the preservation of the Union in the field and in the councils of the nation. A motto is inscribed on that stone. I stand by that sentiment and she is willing to stand by it. It was the sentiment enunciated by the immortal and real Jackson: "The Federal Union; it must be preserved."

Mr. Johnson then referred briefly to the conduct of Gen. Jackson in 1833, denounced as traitors those who attempted to destroy our country and reiterated his determination to stand by the country and the constitution. He thought in considering the question of reconstruction we should not deal with a whole people in a spirit of revenge. The South had acknowledged its allegiance to the Government, and he was ready to open the door of the Union and restore them to their former relations with the government. He said there is none who has labored harder than I have to have the conspicuous, principal and intelligent traitors brought to justice; to have the law vindicated and the great fact vindicated that treason is a crime which contemplates intelligence, and traitors are to be punished. Should whole States, communities and people be made to submit to and bear the penalty of death? Let them become loyal and willing supporters and defenders of our glorious stripes. Let the leaders, the conscious, intelligent traitors suffer the penalty of the law.—But for the great mass who have been forced into the rebellion and misled by their leaders, I say leniency, kindness, trust and confidence. The rebellion is put down by the strong arm of the Government, but we are scarcely out of one rebellion before we are almost in the midst of another. There is an attempt to concentrate the power of the Government in the hands of a few and thereby bring about a consolidation which is equally dangerous and objectionable with separation. Sometimes revolutions that are most disastrous to the people are effected without spilling blood. The substance of our Government may be taken away, leaving only the formidable shadow. We find that, in fact, nearly all the powers of the Government are assumed, without even consulting the legislative or executive department of the Government by the resolution reported by a committee upon whom all the legislative power of the Government has been conferred.—The principle in the Constitution which authorizes and empowers each branch of the legislative departments to be judges of the election and qualifications of its own members, has been virtually taken away from these departments and conferred upon a committee who must report before they act under the Constitution, and allow members duly elected to take their seats. By this rule they assume that there must be laws passed and that there must a recognition it respect to States in the Union with all its prohibited relations restored, before the respective powers of Congress under the Constitution, shall judge of the election and qualifications of its own members.

You have been struggling four years to put down the rebellion, you denied at the beginning that any State had a right to go out of the Union and it has been settled that a State has neither the right nor the power to go out of the Union, and when you have settled that by the ex cutive and military power of the Government and by the public judgment, you turn around and assume that they are out and shall not come in. I am free to say to you as your executive that I am not prepared to take any such position. I cannot turn around now and give a direct lie to all I protess to have done in the last five years.

I say that when these States comply with the Constitution then they have given sufficient evidence of their loyalty, and that they can be trusted when they yield obedience to the laws. I say extend to them the right hand of fellowship and let peace and union be restored. I say let the loyal, that now warm, and animate my existence, shall be poured out, a fit libation of the union of these States. [Applause.] But let the opponents of this Government remember that when it is a question in the settlement of matters of the head of the Church. [Cheers.] Gentlemen, this Union will grow—it will continue to increase in strength and power though it may be resisted and cleansed with blood. I have talked longer than I intended. I thank you for the honor you have done me, but so far as this Government is concerned, let me say one other word in deference to the amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

When I reached Washington for the purpose of being inaugurated as Vice President of the United States, I had a conversation with Mr. Lincoln. We were talking about the condition of affairs in reference to matters in my own State. I said they had called a convention and had amended our constitution by abolishing slavery in the State, a State not embraced in his proclamation. All this met his approbation, and gave him encouragement, and in talking upon the amendment to the Constitution, he said when the amendment to the Constitution is adopted by three fourths of the States we shall have all or pretty much all I am in favor of amending the Constitution. If there was one other adopted said. Said I, what is that, Mr. President? Said he, I have labored to prepare this Union. I have toiled for years, I have been subjected to calumny and misrepresentation, yet my desire has been to preserve the Union of these States intact under the Constitution, as they were before. But, said I, Mr. President, to what amendment do you refer? He said he thought there should be an amendment to the Constitution which would compel all the States to send their Senators and Representatives to the Congress of the United States. Yes, compel them. The idea was in his mind, that it was a part of the doctrine of secession to be ak up the Government by the States withdrawing their Senators and Representatives from Congress, and therefore desired a constitutional amendment to compel them to be sent. How now does the matter stand in the Constitution of the country? Each State has which provides for the amendment to the organic law says that no State without its consent shall be deprived of its representation in Congress. Now what do we find? The position taken that the States shall not be represented; that we may impose taxes that we may send our tax gatherers to every region and portion of the State; that the people are to be oppressed with taxes but that when they come here to participate in the legislation of the country, they are met at the door and told—you must pay your taxes—you must bear the burden of the Government, but you must not participate in the legislation of the country which is to affect you for all time. Is this just? Is it right? No, no. Then I say let us admit into the councils of the nation, those who are unmistakably and unequivocally loyal. Those men who acknowledge their allegiance to the Government, and swear to support the Constitution. It is all embraced in that. The amplification of an oath makes no difference if a man is not loyal, but you may add at whatever test oath you please as to their loyalty. When the rebellion was going on, Constitution was rolled up as a piece of parchment. If it was will tell in some particulars to save the Government there may have been some excuse to justify it, but now that peace is come, war is over and the Constitution comes in force and I say the time has come for the Constitution to unroll and read it, and understand its provisions. I come here to vindicate the Constitution, and to say to those who seem to see that encroachment is proposed to be made, I am prepared, so far as I can, to resist the encroachments upon the Constitution and Government. I care not from what quarter they come. Those who are engaged in the work of breaking up the Government by the amendment to the Constitution, I tell you the principles of free government are deeply rooted in the American heart, and all the powers of earth combined, with all their strength, the charms of treason. They may fail to succeed for the time but their attempts will be futile. They may think now that it can be done by concurrent resolution, but when it is submitted to the popular judgement and popular will, they might as well undertake to introduce a resolution to repeal the laws of gravity as to keep this Union from being restored. It is just about as feasible to resist the great law of gravitation which binds all to a common centre as that great law which will bring back the States to their regular relations with the Union. I have detained you longer than I intended. (A voice go on) We are in a great struggle and I am your instrument. Who is there that I have not told should labor for, who is the man or woman either in public or private life who has not always received my attention or my time in proportion? Assertions that they say that man Johnson is a lucky man, that no man can defeat me. I will tell you what constitutes good luck, it is doing right and being for the people, that is what constitutes good luck. Somehow or other the people will find out and understand who is for and who is against them. I have been placed in a most trying positions as any mortal was ever placed in, but so far, I have not disappointed the people, and I believe they will not down me. What principles have I violated? What sentiments have I uttered from? Can they put their finger on it? Have you heard them point out my discrepancy? Have you heard them quote my predecessor, who fell a martyr to his country's cause, as going in proportion to compromise to anything that I have done? The very policy which I am pursuing now, was pursued under his administration and was being pursued by him when that inscrutable Providence saw fit to summon him. I trust, to a better world than this. Is there one principle adopted by him in reference to the restoration that I have departed from? None. The war is over, the people are now invited back, (Great cheers.) and I say to you, the charm of the White House has as little influence upon me as any individual in the country, and much less up on me than upon those who are talking about its influence. The difference between the little that suffices for my simple meals and back—and more than enough—has no charms for me. The conscious satisfaction of having performed my duty to my country, to my children and to the inner man is all the reward I ask. (Great applause.) In conclusion I invite this vast concourse here to-day, this sea of upturned faces, to come with me or I will go with you and stand around the constitution of our country. We are invited to aid, sustain, and maintain its provisions. Let us stand by the constitution of our fathers, though the Heavens fall, though traitors should rage, though tauntsand sneers may come, I could above and vindicate my position. I mean to be found standing by the Constitution as the shield-bark of our safety and the palladium of our civil and religious liberty. Yes, let us cling to it as a mariner clings to the last plank when the might of the tempest close around him. Let us go our way forgetting the past and looking to the future resolve to endeavor to restore our Government to its pristine purity, trusting to Him who is on high but who controls all here below, that ere long our Union will be restored, and that we shall have peace not only with all the nations of the earth, but peace and good will among all portions of the people of the United States. When your country is gone and you are about that place look out and you will find that humble individual who now stands before you weeping over its final dissolution.

☞ The Nashville Banner learns that the Hon. Alex. H. Stephens will proceed to Washington in a few days. He has not received a pardon as yet, but a petition from some of the most conspicuous members of the Republican party has gone up to the President, urging the issuance of his letters of amnesty. Gov. Herschel V. Johnson, his colleague, it will be remembered, was pardoned six months ago, at the instance of the widow of Stephen A. Douglass.

☞ Fears are expressed that Chinese labor will run out the white laborers in California. Several railroad companies have discharged their white laborers and are employing these people, who work very cheap. There are now 60,000, and they are pouring into the country in great numbers.

☞ The issue of national currency for the week ending February the 17th, amounted to $255,000,000.

Address of the Democratic State Central Committee.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ROOMS,
Harrisburg, Feb. 9, 1866.

To the Democracy of Pennsylvania.

The events of the last political campaign are yet fresh in our minds.

You announced your unequivocal endorsement of the restoration policy of President Johnson, and denounced the doctrine of negro suffrage.

Your opponents affirmed their support of the President, and evaded the issue upon the question of suffrage.

A powerful organization, large official patronage and an unscrupulous use of money secured to them the victory.

The record of the past month strips the mask from the face of the victors:

They treat with derision the declared policy of the President. They have placed the Government of the Constitution in abeyance, and its legislative and executive functions are usurped by a cabal of men, who in obedience to caucus, govern the nation through the forms of dictatory.

The right of each State to regulate the qualifications of its electors is denied the will of the people of the District of Columbia is overriden, and by an almost unanimous vote. The Republican party in Congress and the State legislature accord to the negro equal political rights with the white man.

The initial step toward a war of races has been taken and a consolidated government looms up in the distance.

The ideas of the President upon these points are not sectional doctrines. In sustaining him we vindicate them.

Organize in every nook and corner of the Commonwealth.

Organize to sustain the President, to maintain your principles, to restore the Union, to vindicate the supremacy of your race, and to bury in political oblivion the men who have been false to the Union, false to their pledges, false to the instincts of their blood, and true alone to the madness that rules the hour.

By order of the Democratic State Central Committee.

WILLIAM A. WALLACE, Chairman.

St. Louis, Feb 26.—A large meeting of the old Clay-bank party and others met here and endorsed the President's veto message and denounced the denial of representation to eleven States, and resolved that the action of the General Assembly, condemning the veto message, and declaring for negro suffrage, was a gross misrepresentation of public sentiment in Missouri.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb 26.—A democratic meeting held here endorsed the President's position, and have called a mass meeting for Tuesday next.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—A telegram to Representatives Wilson and Price from Gov. Stone, of Iowa, says that the Legislature of Iowa, by an overwhelming majority, approved the veto of their Congressmen in sustaining the Bureau bill and repudiating the President's veto.

President Johnson has received the following telegram:

KEOKUK, Jan. 24.—An immense mass meeting here, with great enthusiasm, fired 100 guns in honor of your veto message, and your administration was unanimously endorsed."

NEW YORK, Feb. 26—The Tribune's special says the duties of Collectors along the coast, and especially in Florida, are materially obstructed by blockade runners and their sympathizers.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb 26.—The trial of Major John H. Gee, formerly the Confederate Commandant of Salisbury prison, is progressing before the military commission. There is a large number of witnesses on both sides. Mr. Gee pleads his parole and is anxious for a postponement of his trial.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—A letter from Gen. Custer, dated Austin, Texas, denies that he has been making secession speeches.

Good authority says the President in a few days will issue a peace proclamation.

Secretary Stanton's resignation is undoubtedly in the hands of the President.

☞ Mrs. Emma Hardinge, better known as "Belle Boyd," who recently gave to the public two volumes of adventures in the Confederate and Federal States in the prisons, and in the camps of both sections, now announces herself as "the celebrated extemporaneous lecturer," in St. James' Hall, London.

The proposition in Congress to legislate for Northern creditors, to secure Southern debts, has been declared to be unnecessary, by report of a committee appointed to consider the matter.

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Administrator's Notice.
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WILLIAM F. JONES,
jan3 Administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.
LETTERS of Administration on the Estate of James M. Jones, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 30th day of Oct., 1865, by the Hon. Wm. H. Thornton, Judge of Probate of Talladega county, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate will be required to present the same within the time allowed by law or that the same will be barred.
WILEY B. JONES, Adm'r.
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